

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

ANDREW U.D. STRAW,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
FACEBOOK,  
Defendant.

Case No. [24-cv-08625-PHK](#)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE:  
FAILURE TO PROSECUTE AND  
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH COURT  
ORDERS**

Re: Dkt. 29

On December 2, 2024, Plaintiff Andrew U.D. Straw, an attorney who is representing himself in this action, filed the Complaint in this lawsuit contemporaneously with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”). See Dkts. 1-2. The Court granted Plaintiff’s IFP application on September 8, 2025. [Dkt. 28]. The Court then undertook the mandatory screening of Plaintiff’s Complaint, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B). By Order dated September 8, 2025, the Court dismissed Plaintiff’s Complaint without prejudice, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B), as frivolous, and for failure to state a claim for relief. [Dkt. 29]. The Court granted Plaintiff leave to file an amended complaint curing the pleading deficiencies discussed in the September 8, 2025 Order, by no later than October 8, 2025. *Id.*

The October 8, 2025 deadline to file an amended complaint has passed by approximately one week. To date, Plaintiff has neither filed an amended complaint nor requested an extension of time from the Court to do so.

The Court’s September 8, 2025 Order stated that “[i]f Plaintiff does not file an amended complaint by the ordered deadline or if he cannot cure the identified deficiencies, that may result in negative consequences for this case, including but not limited to a recommendation by this

1 Court that this action be dismissed with prejudice, either in whole or in part.” [Dkt. 29 at 15].  
 2 While the Court recognizes that Plaintiff is representing himself *pro se*, he is a licensed attorney  
 3 and the Court expects that Plaintiff fully understands that the previous admonishment continues to  
 4 hold true.

5 The Court possesses the inherent power to dismiss an action *sua sponte* if a plaintiff fails  
 6 to prosecute their action or fails to comply with court orders. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); *see Link v.*  
 7 *Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 629-30 (1962) (dismissal for failure to prosecute); *Yourish v. Cal.*  
 8 *Amplifier*, 191 F.3d 983, 987 (9th Cir. 1999) (dismissal for failure to comply with court orders).  
 9 Plaintiff was previously informed, and is warned again by this Order to Show Cause, that failure  
 10 to comply with this Court’s orders and failure to prosecute this case will result in negative  
 11 consequences for Plaintiff’s case, including a recommendation for the dismissal of this action with  
 12 prejudice. Specifically, failure to respond to this Order to Show Cause and failure to file an  
 13 amended complaint by the new deadline set herein will be found to be a failure to comply with  
 14 this Court’s orders and a failure to prosecute this lawsuit, which will lead to consequences adverse  
 15 to Plaintiff’s lawsuit.

16 Accordingly, the Court herein **ORDERS** that, by no later than **NOVEMBER 14, 2025**,  
 17 Plaintiff **SHALL EITHER** (1) file an amended complaint which addresses and cures the  
 18 deficiencies noted by the Court’s September 8, 2025 Order [Dkt. 9]; **OR** (2) file a written request  
 19 for a further reasonable extension of time in which to file an amended complaint which addresses  
 20 and cures the deficiencies noted by the Court’s September 8, 2025 Order [Dkt. 9]; **OR (3)** file a  
 21 written response to this Order to Show Cause explaining why this action should not be dismissed  
 22 for failure to prosecute this case or for failure to comply with this Court’s directives and orders.

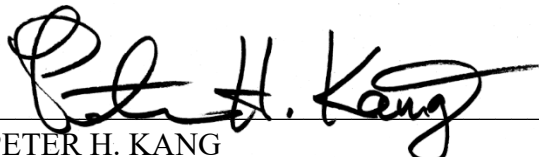
23 To be clear, if Plaintiff files, by November 14, 2025, an amended complaint addressing  
 24 and curing the deficiencies noted in the September 8, 2025 Order, or if Plaintiff files, by  
 25 November 14, 2025, a written request explaining the good faith bases for a reasonable extension  
 26 of time in which to file an amended complaint addressing and curing the deficiencies noted in the  
 27 September 8, 2025 Order, filing of either will be deemed to be a response to this Order to Show  
 28 Cause and no other written response would be necessary.

1 If Plaintiff chooses to file a request for a reasonable extension of time in which to file an  
2 amended complaint addressing and curing the deficiencies noted in the Court's September 8, 2025  
3 Order, Plaintiff shall explain, in a written response filed by the November 14, 2025 deadline, why  
4 an extension of time is warranted under applicable legal standards and how much additional  
5 reasonable time is needed to prepare and file such an amended complaint.

6 If Plaintiff fails to respond to this Order to Show Cause in one of the ways directed herein  
7 by the **November 14, 2025** deadline set herein, the Court will issue a report and recommendation  
8 that this action be dismissed **with prejudice** for failure to prosecute and failure to comply with  
9 court orders, along with an Order directing the Clerk of Court to reassign this case to a district  
10 judge for consideration of and to take any action on that report and recommendation.

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12 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

13 Dated: October 15, 2025

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16 United States Magistrate Judge  
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